

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 4 as follows:

According to this present invention, a monolithic container with a roughly cylindrical wall and a petaloid-type base which extends such wall, wherein the base comprises a generally convexly shaped wall towards the outside where at least three members originate which are formed by outgrowths regularly distributed at the periphery of the base and separated in pairs by a portion of the convex base wall is characterized in that the base wall is hemispherical, except for a peripheral marginal linking area with the cylindrical wall, in that aforesaid marginal zone has a curve with an inflection so that the link between the base wall and the peripheral marginal zone as well as the link between the cylindrical wall and the peripheral marginal area are achieved in an almost tangential manner, and in that the top end of each member is linked with the cylindrical wall.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 7 as follows:

The monolithic container shown in Figure 1 is a bottle 2, e.g. for a gaseous or carbonated beverage. The container is made from a thermoplastic material known from prior art (PET, PAN, or the like) or from a mixture of different materials, by extrusion blow molding or injection blow molding its base material. As a matter of fact, this present invention is preferably applied to this type of container.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 7 as follows:

As shown in Figures 3 and 4, the convex hemispherical part 7 in which the members 6 originate is linked with the cylindrical wall 2 (body) of the container 1 by a marginal linking area 8 with a curve with an inflection 9 so that the convex hemispherical part 7 and the body form a monolithic structure. The curve radiuses R1, R2 on both sides of the inflection point 9 are determined so that the marginal zone 8 is linked, on one hand, with the wall 2 of the container and, on the other, with the convex hemispherical part 7 in an almost tangential manner, i.e. without notable interruption of the slope in the linking areas, so as not to create a point of fragility at the level of these areas.

Please replace the 5th paragraph on page 8 as follows:

~~The~~ Because of the monolithic structure of the container, the end of each of the members at the top edge 12 is directly linked with the wall 2.

Please replace the 3rd paragraph on page 9 as follows:

However, since the top end of the members 6 is linked with the wall 2, i.e; the container is a monolithic structure, this arrangement of the members limits the overall deformation of the base.